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Steel for Defence Production
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use domestic steel at a large scale for manufacturing defence equipment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the quality of Indian steel is such that it can make the defence equipment durable and effective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the nature of concession planned to be provided to the steel companies manufacturing defence equipment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)
STEEL AND MINES

(a)&(b): Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings are mainly using indigenous steel for manufacturing of defence equipment such as DMR 249 A grade steel for Hull structure of Warships, Armour steel plates for T-72 Tanks & T-90 Tanks, various grades of steel for Su-30 Aircrafts & MIG Aircrafts etc. Some of the Indian suppliers of different grades of steel required for manufacture of defence equipment are Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI), Hyderabad, Metal and Steel Factory (MSF), Ishapore, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), M/s Essar steel Limited etc.

(c)&(d): The quality of indigenous steel is durable and effective as it is accepted by Ordnance Factory Board & Defence Public Sector Undertakings for manufacture of defence equipment only after ensuring the conformance to quality standard requirements. At present there is no proposal to provide any concession to steel companies manufacturing defence equipment.

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